

## Know What to Do If Told to “Shelter in Place” or to “Stay Put”

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- Local officials may ask residents to shelter in place during a chemical or hazardous materials emergency. This means you must remain in your home or office and protect yourself there.
- Lock all windows and exterior doors and close vents and fireplace dampers. Turn off all fans and heating and air conditioning systems.
- Get your disaster supplies kit and make sure the battery-powered radio is working.
- Go to an interior room without windows that is above ground level. Some chemicals are heavier than air and may seep into basements.
- Using duct tape, seal all cracks around the door and any vents into the room. Include spaces around pipes.
- Listen to the radio or television until you are told all is safe or you are told to evacuate—by local authorities.